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Security Council

10 a.m. — 5327th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

   Letter dated 7 November 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/699)

Morning — 5328th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

To be held following the adjournment of the 5327th meeting.

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Announcement

The Chairman of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa invites Member States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and non-governmental organizations and the civil society to a seminar entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African regional organizations in the field of peace and security", to be held today, 15 December 2005, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Letter dated 30 November 2005 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/781)

Letter dated 5 December 2005 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2005/782)

3 p.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Lebanon, IIIC)

Other matters

With a view to a formal meeting

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. 1548th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

10 a.m. 63rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/60/250/Add.3) [7]
2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/60/L.37) [73]
   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations
      (i) Draft resolutions (A/60/L.34, A/60/L.38 and A/60/L.39)
      (ii) Amendment (A/60/L.35)
   (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/60/L.36)
3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/60/556) [10]

Informal consultations of the plenary on the Human Rights Council

10 a.m. 21st meeting (closed) — Conference Room 1

Informal consultations of the plenary on Secretariat and management reform

3 p.m. 4th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 4

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [50]

(b) International financial system and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.2 and A/C.2/60/L.67

2. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [51]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.6 and A/C.2/60/L.72[1]

3. Sustainable development [52]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World summit on Sustainable Development (A/60/158)

Action on a draft proposal

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.23/Rev.1

(g) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.34, A/C.2/60/L.65 and A/C.2/60/L.35/Rev.1

4. Globalization and interdependence [54]

(a) Globalization and interdependence

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.12 and A/C.2/60/L.71[1]

(c) International migration and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.2/60/L.16 and A/C.2/60/L.62 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/60/L.70)[1]

5. Groups of countries in special situations [55]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.32/Rev.1 and A/C.2/60/L.69 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/60/L.52)

(b) Specific actions relating to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.33 and A/C.2/60/L.68

[1] To be issued.

6. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [56]

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.41 and A/C.2/60/L.73

(b) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.43 and A/C.2/60/L.64

7. Towards global partnerships [59]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.38/Rev.1

8. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [116]

Action on the draft provisional programme of work for the Second Committee 2006 (A/C.2/60/L.66)

9. Conclusion of the main part of the work of the Second Committee for the sixtieth session

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (A/60/6, A/60/6/Corr.1, A/60/6/Corr.2, A/60/6/Corr.3, A/60/6/Corr.4 (French only), A/60/6 (Introduction), A/60/6 (Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Sect. 3), A/60/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1 (French only), A/60/6 (Sect. 4), A/60/6 (Sect. 5), A/60/6 (Sect. 6), A/60/6 (Sect. 7), A/60/6 (Sect. 8), A/60/6 (Sect. 9), A/60/6 (Sect. 10), A/60/6 (Sect. 11), A/60/6 (Sect. 12), A/60/6 (Sect. 13), A/60/6 (Sect. 14), A/60/6 (Sect. 15), A/60/6 (Sect. 16), A/60/6 (Sect. 17), A/60/6 (Sect. 18), A/60/6 (Sect. 19), A/60/6 (Sect. 20), A/60/6 (Sect. 21), A/60/6 (Sect. 22), A/60/6 (Sect. 23), A/60/6 (Sect. 24), A/60/6 (Sect. 25), A/60/6 (Sect. 26), A/60/6 (Sect. 27), A/60/6 (Sect. 28), A/60/6 (Sect. 28A), A/60/6 (Sect. 28B), A/60/6 (Sect. 28C), A/60/6 (Sect. 28D), A/60/6 (Sect. 28E), A/60/6 (Sect. 28F), A/60/6 (Sect. 28G), A/60/6 (Sect. 29), A/60/6 (Sect. 30), A/60/6 (Sect. 31), A/60/6 (Sect. 32), A/60/6 (Sect. 33), A/60/6 (Sect. 34), A/60/6 (Sect. 35), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 2), A/60/6 (Income Sect. 3), A/59/397 and A/59/793))

Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 1, 8, 28A and 35 and income section 1 (A/60/303)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7, A/60/7/Corr.1 and A/60/7/Add.1)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/60/16 and A/60/16/Corr.1)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 and 136 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, and Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: 2005 World Summit Outcome: Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections

1, 2, 3, 11, 16, 23, 28A, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 29; Revised estimates to the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/60/537, A/60/7/Add.13 and A/60/7/Add.13/Corr.1); and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Section 29, Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/60/7/Add.14)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the 2006 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (19–27 January 2006) *today*, 15 December 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on findings and recommendations of the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP, *today*, 15 December 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Thursday, 15 December 2005

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (A/60/L.16) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Thursday, 15 December 2005

Group of 77 (on all outstanding Second Committee issues)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Panel discussion on "Combating corruption" (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Today, 15 December 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lilibeth Benitez, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5635; fax 1 (212) 963-4185).]

Panel discussion on "The global compact and sustainable development" (organized by the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development and the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Today, 15 December 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mrs. Roma Stibravy, Chairperson (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is subject to change. Up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/briefings.htm

Thursday, 15 December 2005

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon — Mr. David Gressly, United Nations Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for Southern Sudan

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 16 December 2005

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

3 p.m. — 64th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/60/499) [39]
2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/60/500) [61]
3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/60/501) [62]
4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing: report of the Third Committee (A/60/502) [63]
5. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/60/503) [64]
6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/60/504) [65]
7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/60/505) [67]
8. Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/60/506) [68]
9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/60/507) [69]

To be issued.

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/60/508) [70]

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509) [71]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.1)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.2 (Part I) and A/60/509/Add.2 (Part II)[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.3)[1]

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.4)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/60/509/Add.5)

12. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/60/510) [106]

13. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/60/511) [107]

14. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/60/512) [116]

Informal consultations of the plenary on the Human Rights Council

10 a.m.	22nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	23rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

[1] To be issued.

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS), chaired by H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett (Barbados) and H.E. Mrs. Laxanachantorn Laohaphan, (Thailand), will be held on Friday, 16 December 2005 at 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

General Assembly

Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the President of the General Assembly for the non-governmental organizations, on the status report on progress made on reforms since the 2005 World Summit, on Friday, 16 December 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 31st meeting on Friday, 16 December 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 31st meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held from 9 to 20 January 2006, is *open*. To inscribe on the list, please contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; or e-mail del-vastou@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (16–19 January 2006) will take place on Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2006

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 16 to 19 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2006/1. Advance copies of this and all other documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_25993.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the UNICEF Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Joint meeting with the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA, with the participation of the World Food Programme (WFP), will be held on 20 and 23 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, as follows:

Monday, 9 January 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6: on the overview of findings and recommendations of the evaluation of gender mainstreaming in UNDP and the UNDP management response; and

Wednesday, 11 January 2006, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber: on the UNIFEM organizational assessment (A/60/62-E/2005/10), chaired by H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein (Jordan), Chairman of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM.

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 2006, on Monday, 9 January 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6.

First regular session 2006

The first regular session 2006 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Tuesday, 24 January, to Friday, 27 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2006/L.1. Member States, as well as observers and other organizations, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but not later than Friday, 13 January 2006.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 20 January, and Monday, 23 January 2006, in a conference room to be announced. Prior to the convening of the joint meeting, there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 20 January, at 10 a.m., to elect its new Bureau for 2006.

Announcements

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of

education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463). *The deadline has been extended by two weeks, until Wednesday, 21 December 2005.*

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 5 December 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 14 December 2005

Security Council

5324th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on Cyprus (S/2005/743 and S/2005/743/Corr. 1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2005/784, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council then proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2005/784) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2005/784) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1642 (2005).

5325th meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 30 of resolution 1546 (2004) (S/2005/766)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Gambari.

The Council heard a briefing by the representative of the United States on behalf of the multinational force.

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

5326th meeting *The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2005/62).

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

30th meeting *Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007* [124]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

2005 World Summit Outcome

Revised estimates to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 under sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 16, 23, 28A, 28C, 28D, 28E, 28F and 29

Revised estimates to the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Section 29, Office of Internal Oversight Services

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/60/537).

The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/60/7/Add.13, A/60/7/Add.13/Corr.1 and A/60/7/Add.14).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, Switzerland, Japan, Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, Mexico, Nigeria, Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic and South Africa.

The Controller replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would begin on that day, Wednesday, 14 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jarmo Sareva (Finland).

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union) and Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman made a statement.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 14 December 2005

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
Third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

23rd meeting — *Organizational and other matters* [3]

The Committee considered the item.

24th meetings (closed)

Organizational and other matters [3]

The Committee considered the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Withdrawal of reservation in respect of article 7 (a) made upon accession: Kuwait (9 December 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts
New York, 23 November 2005

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel
New York, 8 December 2005

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 23 November 2005 during the 53rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution A/60/21. In accordance with its article 16, the Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2008 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The above Optional Protocol was adopted on 8 December 2005 during the 61st plenary meeting of the General Assembly by resolution A/60/42. In accordance with its article IV, the Optional Protocol shall be open for signature by all States from 16 January 2006 to 16 January 2007 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention and Optional Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention and its Optional Protocol could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

Other announcements

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Panel discussion on "The report of the Global Commission on International Migration: Challenges for 2006 and beyond" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Subcommittee on Immigrants and Refugees of the NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the occasion of International Migrants Day)

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Burgi, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3189, e-mail burgi@un.org).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2005 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Rwanda
H.E. Mr. Stanislas Kamanzi

Asian States
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie

Eastern European States
Romania
H.E. Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc

Latin American and Caribbean States
Barbados
H.E. Mr. Christopher Fetherbert Hackett

Western European and other States
Canada
H.E. Mr. Allan Rock

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, legislative official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations or the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 3 p.m. on Wednesday 14 December 2005.

Symbol	Main title
General Assembly	Official Records
A/60/PV.37	Meeting held on 25 October 2005, 3 p.m. [E]

First Committee

A/C.1/60/PV.3 Meeting held on 4 October 2005, 10 a.m. [E]

A/C.1/60/PV.4 Meeting held on 4 October 2005, 3 p.m. [A E]

A/C.1/60/PV.5 Meeting held on 5 October 2005, 10 a.m. [A E]

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